

GENERAL REVENUE REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on general revenue revision and received testimony from public witnesses.

Joint Committee Meetings

WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: The Military Applications Subcommittee met in executive session

with AEC representatives to review the military weapons development program. Witnesses participating in this session were: Gen. A. D. Starbird, Director, Division of Military Application; Dr. Herbert F. York, Director, Livermore Laboratories; Col. H. C. Brown, Military Application Division; Dr. J. C. Potts, Special Assistant to Commissioner Libby; and Bryan F. LaPlante, Special Assistant to the General Manager, all of the Atomic Energy Commission.



Wednesday, January 22, 1958

HIGHLIGHTS

House opened debate on supplemental Defense appropriation bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee heard Secretary of Agriculture Benson continue his testimony with respect to the President's recommendations on the farm program. Mr. Benson was accompanied and assisted by his associates.

SATELLITE AND MISSILE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing its inquiry into the satellite and missile programs, Preparedness Subcommittee heard testimony in executive session from Secretary Neil McElroy and Deputy Secretary Donald Quarles, both of the Defense Department.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DISASTER LOANS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee held and concluded hearings on S. 2918, S. 2920, and S. 2959, bills to amend the Small Business Act to authorize disaster loans to small business concerns suffering economic loss as a result of excessive rain. Witnesses heard on these proposals were: Senator Stennis; Wesley A. D'Ewart, Assistant Director, Agricultural Credit Services, Department of Agriculture; Wendell B. Barnes, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Thad Caraway, Mid-South Farm Equipment Dealers Association,

Memphis, Tenn.; Stacy Kellum, president, Mississippi Oil Jobbers Association; and Earl F. Ravala, Deep South Farm Equipment Association, Bunkie, La. Statements were submitted for inclusion in the record by Senators Eastland, Kefauver, Thye, and Symington.

TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee met in executive session and ordered favorably reported the following:

Without amendment—H. R. 5938, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 with respect to certain decedents who were adjudged incompetent before April 2, 1948; H. R. 7762, to amend the Revenue Act of 1950 so that it will apply to taxable years ending in 1954 to which the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 applies; and H. R. 8865, relating to the administration of certain collected taxes; and

Amended—H. R. 8216, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to prevent unjust enrichment by precluding refunds of alcohol and tobacco taxes to persons who have not borne the ultimate burden of the tax (amended to make effective date April 30, 1958); and H. R. 9035, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the basis of stock acquired by the exercise of restricted stock options after the death of the employee.

COMMITTEE FUNDS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee met in executive session and took the following actions: (1) ordered favorably reported S. Res. 224, authorizing the committee to investigate certain mat-

ters under its jurisdiction, and providing \$225,000 therefor, (2) reappointed Senators Pastore and Purtell to the Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy, (3) reappointed Senators Lausche and Payne to the Board of Visitors to the Merchant Marine Academy, and (4) agreed to hold hearing on S. 582, to prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisement of alcoholic beverages—the date of which hearing is as yet unannounced.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee unanimously ordered favorably reported the nomination of William P. Rogers, to be Attorney General of the U. S., prior to which action, in open session, Mr. Rogers testified and answered questions of the committee in his own behalf.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads heard Highway Administrator Bertram D. Tallamy

conclude his testimony in review of the national highway program.

Subcommittee will continue its hearings on Tuesday, February 18.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION

Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Fields: Committee continued its hearings as to activities in the International Union of Operating Engineers, with testimony from Pat Clancy, president, Lois MacMillan, a secretary, Porter E. Vanderwark, treasurer, and E. L. Garrett, bookkeeper, all of local No. 3, San Francisco, of this union. Further testimony was also taken from Pierre E. G. Salinger, committee investigator, and Joseph I. Gordon, detailed to San Francisco from the General Accounting Office.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H. R. 10192–10212; 10 private bills, H. R. 10213–10222; and 3 resolutions, H. J. Res. 510 and 511, and H. Res. 450, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. J. Res. 347, authorizing the President to invite the several States and foreign countries to take part in the Fourth International Automation Congress and Exposition (H. Rept. 1291); and

H. J. Res. 509, authorizing the President to invite the States of the Union and foreign countries to participate in the Second Annual United States World Trade Fair (H. Rept. 1292).

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Supplemental Defense Appropriations: Agreed on not to exceed 5 hours of general debate on H. R. 10146, making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1958. After consuming 43 minutes of the time allotted for general debate the Committee of the Whole rose and deferred further action on the bill to Thursday.

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Condolence Resolution: Adopted H. Res. 450, providing for expressions of condolence and sympathy on the death of Representative Smith, of the First Congressional District of Wisconsin. Many Members eulogized the life, character, and public service of Representative

Smith of Wisconsin. Representatives O'Konski, Byrnes of Wisconsin, Withrow, Zablocki, Van Pelt, Laird, Johnson, Reuss, Tewes, Gordon, and Church were appointed to the funeral committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:40 p. m.

Committee Meetings

WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Agriculture: A joint meeting of the Subcommittees on Livestock and Feed Grains and Conservation and Credit was held and the following watershed projects were ordered favorably reported to the full committee: Alabama, High Pine Creek; Colorado, Big Sandy Creek; North Carolina, Abbotts Creek and Deep Creek; Texas, Knob Creek and York Creek.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Continued executive inquiry regarding the national defense and received testimony from Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, Acting Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, and supporting witnesses.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on S. 1451 and H. R. 7026, Financial Institutions Act. Testimony was received from representatives of the American Bankers Association and other witnesses.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on General Education continued hearings on proposed extension of Public Laws 815 and 874, 81st Congress, relating to construction and maintenance of school facilities in areas affected by Federal activities. Testimony was received from Representative Becker and the respective Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Departments.

MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Labor Standards met in executive session and the chairman announced that future hearings regarding minimum wage legislation will be held at a date to be announced.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Government Information continued hearings relating to the availability of scientific information.

WATERPOWER RESOURCES

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued hearings on H. R. 6997, and similar bills, to provide for the joint development of the waterpower resources of the Trinity River division, Central Valley project, California, by the United States and Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued hearings relative to subscription television. Among the witnesses heard was Representative Baldwin.

HUDSON RIVER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 held hearing on H. J. Res. 418, and similar resolutions, relating to celebration of the 350th anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River. Witnesses heard were Representatives Celler, Anfuso, and O'Brien of New York. Statements were submitted by Representatives Rooney, St. George, Dooley, Buckley, and Dollinger.

CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 ordered favorably reported to the full committee the following bills:

H. R. 8439, to cancel certain bonds posted pursuant to the Immigration Act of 1924; and

H. R. 9371, to provide for the relief of certain members and former members of the Army and the Air Force.

Also ordered favorably reported 4 private claim bills (2 of the House and 2 of the Senate), and ordered adversely reported 3 private claim bills of the House. Also ordered adversely reported H. R. 9022, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to settle certain claims in the amount of \$5,000 or less, and to partially pay certain claims which are certified to Congress.

NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSEL

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Held hearing on H. R. 9196, and identical bills, to authorize construction of a nuclear-powered icebreaking vessel for operation by the U. S. Coast Guard. Testimony was received from Navy and Interior Department witnesses and others.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Special subcommittee met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 9700 (amended), to consolidate into one act all of the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.

GENERAL REVENUE REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on general revenue revision and received testimony relating to natural resources.

INSURANCE TAXATION—TARIFF

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H. R. 10021, to provide that the 1955 formula for taxing income of life-insurance companies shall also apply to taxable years beginning in 1957; and

H. J. Res. 439, to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the Washington State International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash., to be admitted without payment of tariff.

Joint Committee Meetings

SPACE PROGRAMS

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittees on Research and Development and Military Applications met jointly in executive session to discuss the nuclear rocket and related programs, and the advance atomic engine for satellites, space platforms, space ships, etc., with testimony from representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission, Defense Department, and National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Subcommittees will meet again tomorrow.